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LETTER DATED 10 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you of fresh violations by the Iranian side of the cease-fire provisions and the terms governing the no man's land between Iran and Iraq during the period from 14 to 30 April 1993.

1. At 1015 hours on 14 April 1993, a group of Iranians, estimated at 10 persons armed with light weapons, approached the border in the area of Shihabi at geographical coordinates 371432 and attempted to cross the border. When the armed Iranians saw an Iraqi patrol approaching in their direction, they withdrew further into Iranian territory.

2. At 0840 hours on 17 April 1993, an Iranian helicopter was observed coming in the direction of the Asyud border post at geographical coordinates 7637. The helicopter then proceeded to the area of Kushk al-Basri at geographical coordinates 9240, then towards the Bubiyan guard post at geographical coordinates 9595, and lastly to the north in the direction of the Zayd guard post at geographical coordinates 000050. It then withdrew further into Iranian territory.

3. At 1110 hours on 17 April 1993, a helicopter approached from Iranian territory and landed at the Khasrawi post at geographical coordinates 435045. Six civilians disembarked. At 1210 hours the helicopter returned to Iranian territory.

4. On 19 April 1993, Iranian forces shelled the Qal'at Dizah Basin and the areas of Pishta Shan and Qirnago. As a result, a number of civilians were killed and wounded, and several Kurdish families fled the area.

5. At 0940 hours on 20 April 1993, the Iranian side fired three 82-mm mortar shells on Baraw at geographical coordinates 864050 600 metres inside Iraqi territory.

6. The Iranian forces again shelled the Qal'at Dizah Basin and adjacent areas on 20 April 1993. Owing to the shelling, many families left for the area of Raniyah. Iranian forces also began to gather to the east of Panjwin, which caused a number of Kurdish families to leave for the area of Sulaymaniyah.

7. At 1430 hours on 22 April 1993, a group of 22 Iranian civilians and military personnel, one of whom held the rank of captain, carried by three vehicles, approached the front line at geographical coordinates 948741 at Shahlan and said offensive words in Arabic to one of the Iraqi soldiers.

8. At 1000 hours on 24 April 1993, the Iranian side dug six fire trenches at geographical coordinates 9130 at Kushk within the no man's land.

9. On 26 April 1993, the Iranian forces shelled civilian areas inside Iraqi territory in the area of Tush Han, as well as areas adjacent to the town of Panjwin. As a result, a number of people were killed and wounded, and some of them were forced to flee to the area of Sayyid Sadiq and the town of Sulaymaniyah.

10. At 1800 hours on 27 April 1993, eight Iranian individuals were observed fortifying shelters at geographical coordinates 514501 in front of the Fakkah guard post within the no man's land.

11. At 1500 hours on 29 April 1993, a group of Iranians composed of one officer and five soldiers approached one of the Iraqi points on Kiska slope at geographical coordinates 5938 and requested the individuals at the Iraqi point to withdraw.

12. At 1400 hours on 30 April 1993, Iranian individuals were observed setting up a machine-gun at geographical coordinates 578-401 opposite the Harran post inside the no man's land.

13. At 1630 hours on 30 April 1993, an Iranian captain, accompanied by an interpreter, approached the Iraqi front line in the Rabaya Alhizam sector situated at geographical coordinates 648270 to the south of the Kani Sheikh region, and requested the Iraqi soldiers to move three kilometres back.

My Government protests at these repeated violations of the cease-fire provisions and terms governing the no man's land between Iran and Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

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